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Listing of Claims:

- (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus comprising:
- a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network;
 - a printer; which prints an arbitrary image;
- a determining section which, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the image data has succeeded or failed, has arrived, determines whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section; is notified by the delivery confirmation mail; and
- a control section which causes the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if the determining section has determined that the delivery failure is notified.
- (Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an acceptance section which accepts user a designation input by a user as to whether or not the delivery confirmation mail is requested, if the user requests transmission of the image data; and

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a request section which causes the communication section to perform transmission of the image data together with the a request of for the delivery confirmation mail, in response to the acceptance section accepting the user if the designation that the delivery confirmation mail is requested is input to the acceptance section,

wherein the control section causes the printer to print the image based on the delivery confirmation mail regardless of a determination result of the determining section, if the delivery confirmation mail has arrived in response to the transmission of the image data together with the request of the delivery confirmation mail performed under control of the request section in accordance with the designation input by the user.

(Currently Amended) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the communication section transmits an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

(Currently Amended) A method of controlling a facsimile apparatus having including a printer and a communication section which performs image data communication utilizing a mail

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transmission system of a computer network, and a printer which prints an arbitrary image, the method comprising:

determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the image data has succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure of the image data transmitted from the communication section; is notified by the delivery confirmation mail, and

causing the printer to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if it has been determined that the delivery failure is notified.

Claim 9 (Canceled).

10. (New) A method according to claim 8, further comprising:

accepting a designation input by a user as to whether or not the delivery confirmation mail is requested, if the user requests transmission of the image data; and

causing the communication section to perform transmission of the image data together with a request for the delivery confirmation mail, if the designation that the delivery confirmation mail is requested is input by the user,

wherein the printer is caused to print the image based on the delivery confirmation mail regardless of whether it has been Application No. 10/079,555 Response to Office Action

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determined that the delivery failure is notified, if the delivery confirmation mail has arrived in response to the transmission of the image data together with the request of the delivery confirmation mail in accordance with the designation input by the user.

- 11. (New) A method according to claim 8, wherein the communication section transmits an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.
- 12. (New) A facsimile apparatus comprising: communication means for performing image data communication utilizing a mail transmission system of a computer network; means for printing an image;
- means for determining, if a delivery confirmation mail, which notifies whether delivery of the image data has succeeded or failed, has arrived, whether the delivery confirmation mail notifies a delivery failure of the image data transmitted by the communication means; and
- means for controlling the printing means to print an image based on the delivery confirmation mail, only if the determining means has determined that the delivery failure is notified.

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13. (New) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

means for accepting a designation input by a user as to whether or not the delivery confirmation mail is requested, if the user requests transmission of the image data; and

means for causing the communication means to perform transmission of the image data together with a request for the delivery confirmation mail, if the designation that the delivery confirmation mail is requested is input by the user to the accepting means,

wherein the printing means is caused to print the image based on the delivery confirmation mail regardless of whether the determining means determines that the delivery failure is notified, if the delivery confirmation mail has arrived in response to the transmission of the image data together with the request of the delivery confirmation mail in accordance with the designation input by the user.

14. (New) A facsimile apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the communication means transmits an e-mail, to which the image data is attached as an attachment file, based on an e-mail protocol.